

you think it applicable to the present Time, you will Print it.  
I am,  
Yours, &c.  
March 29, 1766.

--- "AS to myself, I hold this Project to be totally subversive of the last Remains of English Liberty, and therefore, tho' it should pass into a Law, I should think myself under the highest of all Obligations, to oppose its Execution: If any Officer, by whatsoever Authority, should demand of me, an Account of the Number and Circumstances of my Family, I would refuse it, and if he persisted in the Affront, I would order my Servants to give him the Discipline of the Horse-Whip; nor would I fail to exert every Faculty and Power of my Body and Mind, all the Influence which I derive from my Fortune or my Attachments, to produce the same Opposition in my Neighbours, my Tenants, and my Friends; if I should struggle alone in so glorious a Cause, or if the Mercenaries of Oppression should prevail, I would immediately sell the little I possess, and spend the Remainder of my Days in some other Country, where, if I am not more Free, I shall not be a Spectator of the Ruin which I could not prevent, nor suffer the Torment of perpetually comparing the present with the past, a taste Submission to this Yoke, will indeed prove, that the Spirit of our Ancestors is departed, and has left us unworthy of our Birth-Right, we shall deserve the Canvas Frock and Wooden Shoes, which will inevitably be put on us."

S I R,  
I Send you a true Copy of the Petition of the North-American Merchants, to the British Parliament, which was inclosed to me by Messieurs Stewart and Campbell. I dare say you will give it to the Public, through the Channel of your Paper, as soon as you can.  
I am, S I R,  
Your most humble Servant,  
W<sup>m</sup>. RUSSELL.  
To the Honourable the Commons of Great-Britain, in Parliament assembled.  
The PETITION of the Merchants of London, Trading in North-America,  
Humbly Sheweth,

THAT your Petitioners have long been concerned in carrying on the Trade between this Country, and the British Colonies on the Continent of North-America.  
THAT they have annually Exported very large Quantities of British Manufactures, consisting of Woollen Goods of all kinds, Cottons, Linens, Hard-ware, Shoes, Household Furniture, and almost, without Exception, every Species of Goods Manufactured in these Kingdoms, besides other Articles Imported from abroad, chiefly purchased with our Manufactures, and with the Produce of our Colonies; by all which many Thousand Manufacturers, Seamen, and Labourers, have been employed, to the very great and increasing Benefit of this Nation.  
THAT, in return of these Exports, your Petitioners have received from the Colonies, Rice, Indico, Tobacco, Naval Stores, Oil, Whale Fins, Furs, and lately Pot-Ash, with other Commodities, besides Remittances by Bills of Exchange and Bullion, obtained by the Colonists in Payment for Articles of their Produce not required for the British Market, and therefore Exported to other Places.  
THAT from the Nature of this Trade consisting of British Manufactures Exported, and of the Import of Raw Materials from America, many of them used in our Manufactures, and all of them tending to lessen our Dependence on neighbouring States, it must be deemed of the highest Importance in the Commercial System of this Nation.

THAT

THAT this Commerce, so beneficial to the State, and so necessary for the Support of Multitudes, now lies under such Difficulties and Discouragement, that nothing less than its utter Ruin is apprehended, without immediate Interposition of Parliament.

THAT in Consequence of the Trade between the Colonies and the Mother Country, as established, and as permitted for many Years, and of the Experience which your Petitioners have had of the Readiness of the Americans to make their just Remittances to the utmost of their real Ability, they have been induced to make and venture such large Exportations of British Manufactures as to leave the Colonies indebted to the Merchants of Great-Britain in the Sum of several Millions Sterling.

THAT at this Time, the Colonists, when Pressed for Payment, appeal to past Experience in Proof of their Willingness, but declare it is not in their Power at present to make good their Engagements; alledging that the Taxes and Restrictions laid upon them, and the Extension of the Jurisdiction of Vice-Admiralty Courts, established by some late Acts of Parliament, particularly by an Act passed in the 4<sup>th</sup> Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, *An Act for granting certain Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America*; and by an Act passed in the Fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, *An Act for granting and applying certain Stamp-Duties, and other Duties, in the British Colonies and Plantations in America*, with several Regulations and Restraints, which, if founded on Acts of Parliament for defined Purposes, are represented to have been extended in such a Manner as to disturb legal Commerce, and harass the fair Trader, has so far interrupted the usual and former most fruitful Branches of their Commerce, restrained the Sale of their Produce, thrown the State of the several Provinces into Confusion, and brought on so great a Number of actual Bankruptcies, that the former Opportunities and Means of Remittances and Payments are utterly lost and taken from them.

THAT your Petitioners are, by these unhappy Events, reduced to the Necessity of applying to this Honourable House, in order to secure themselves and their Families from impending Ruin—to prevent a Multitude of Manufactures from becoming a Burden to the Community, or else seeking their Bread in other Countries, to the irretrievable Loss of this Kingdom—to preserve the Strength of this Nation entire, its Commerce flourishing—the Revenues increasing—our Navigation, the Bulwark of the Kingdom, in a State of Growth and Extension, and the Colonies, from Inclination, Duty, and Interest, firmly attached to the Mother-Country.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray the Consideration of the Premises, intreating such Relief as to the Wisdom of this Honourable House shall seem expedient.  
And your Petitioners shall for every Pray.

TO be SOLD at Mr. JACQUES'S STORE in ANNAPOLIS, ROCK-RUN BEER by the Barrel. (3)

To be SOLD by PUBLIC VENDUE, at George-Town on Sassafras, on Tuesday the 15th Instant, (for the Benefit of the Injurers, and others concerned.)

AN ANCHOR of between Ten and Eleven Hundred weight, which belong'd to the Ship *Rachel*, Thomas Moore, Master, which was Burnt in Hungre-River in May last.

THOMAS BROWNING.  
N. B. This Anchor was advertised to be sold in November past, but a Disappointment in getting it up to George-Town prevented.

SOME few Casks of Muscovado SUGARS, to be SOLD in ANNAPOLIS, by JOHN PITT.

Chester-Town, March 27, 1766.

WHEREAS the Assignees of Mr. THOMAS ASHURST M'LANE, late of London, Merchant, have sent us a Power of Attorney to settle and adjust the Claims of the said THOMAS ASHURST M'LANE, against all Persons in Maryland, and to collect and receive his Debts, and Effects; we having made some Enquiry into his Affairs here, have good Reason to believe his Credits and Effects in this Province greatly exceed what he may be indebted to the People here, and if we thought our Power extended so far, would at once engage to pay his Creditors here, out of the first Monies we should receive, to prevent the Expence that might arise on Attachments; and we take this public Method of informing all the Creditors in Maryland, that we have wrote to the Assignees, recommending it to them to give us such Power, as a Matter we think much for the Interest of the Creditors in England, and expect an Answer as soon as Time will permit: And as the Creditors here, if we should have such a Power given us, will then get their Debts, without Trouble or Expence, and if not, will still have the same Remedy they now have, we request they will forbear issuing any Attachments, or taking Expensive Measures for securing their Debts, until we get an Answer from the Assignees, which they shall be advised of, as soon as we receive, be it the one Way, or the other.

(4\*) 1 P. 7/6 THO. & WM. RINGGOLD.

March 26, 1766.  
To be SOLD, very cheap, by the Subscriber, for Current Money, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco,

ALIKELY, young, healthy NEGRO Fellow, that has been in the Country about Nine Months: Also, Two Tracts of LAND, lying in Prince-George's County, on the Piney Branch of the Eastern Branch of Patowmack, about 4 Miles from Snowden's Iron-Works, and 8 Miles from Bladenburg, SCOTT'S FANCY, containing 117 Acres, near 20 Acres of Meadow cleared, and sowed with Timothy Seed, and about 30 Acres of Upland cleared, and all under good Fences; a fine young Orchard, sundry Houses, &c. a good constant Stream running thro' Part of the Land, fit for a Mill. The other Tract adjoining, containing 200 Acres, well Watered and Timbered, has a good Dwelling House, a good new Tobacco House, and sundry other Houses, &c. and an exceeding good Apple Orchard; the Soil good, well situated for Farming or Tobacco, and Produces well. Any Person inclinable to purchase, may see the Land, and know the Terms, by applying to William Hall on the Piney Branch, in my Absence.

(6\*) 1 P. 15/ WILLIAM SCOTT.  
N. B. All Persons Indebted to said Scott, by Bond, Note, or Book Account, are desired to make speedy Payment, or they may expect Trouble, without further Notice.

LATELY IMPORTED, And to be SOLD by the SUBSCRIBER, at PORT-TOBACCO,

ABOUT Two Hundred Pounds, prime Cost of GOODS, for either Cash or Tobacco; they consist chiefly of low priced Irish Linens, Sheetings, Shoes, Nails, &c.

(3\*) 1 D. JENIFER.

ROBERT CUNNINGHAM, of Baltimore County, intending soon to leave this Province, gives this Public Notice thereof; that all Persons who have any Claims against him, may bring them in, that they may be paid.

Dumfries, March 29, 1766.  
THE Subscriber gives Notice, That he had delivered at his Store, by Capt. William Gilkison, of the Catcart, A small BALE, and a BOX of GLASS, mark'd L & E; likewise, a large COPPER KETTLE with a Mark, for which there is no Bill of Lading.

The Owner may have them, by applying to CUMBERLAND WILSON.

COMMITTED to Anne-Arundel County Jail as a Runaway, a Negro Man who says his Name is Abraham, and that he belongs to Mr. George Erskridge, in Dorchester County, Maryland. His Master is desired to take him away, and pay Charges.

WILLIAM PRUE, Jailor.

April 1, 1766.

JUST ARRIVED in PATOWMACK River, the TRYAL, Capt. ERRINGTON, from London, with a Number of healthy Men and Women Servants, many of them Country Folks, and several Tradesmen, such as Weavers, Taylors, Gardeners, Sawyers, Bricklayers, Brick-Makers, a Leather Breeches Maker, and Others. Also Farmers, Grooms, Gentlemen's Servants, and several fine Boys. The SALE will begin at the Naval Office, Cedar-Point, on Thursday the 10th Instant, and be continued three Days: The Ship will then proceed up the River to Alexandria, where a Sale is to be on Wednesday the 16th, which will be continued 'till all are sold. Current Money, Sterling, Bills of Exchange, or Crop Tobacco, will be taken in Payment, and reasonable Credit allowed by

RUSSELL and HODGE.

Patuxent Iron-Works, March 17, 1766.  
FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

RUN away from the Subscribers, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February last, a Convict Servant Man, named Henry Glover, and by Trade a Blacksmith; he is a well-set Fellow, about 5 Feet 7 or 8 Inches high, of a pale Complexion, light grey Eyes, and pitted with the Small Pox, wears his own dark brown Hair. He had on and took with him, an old light colour'd Cloth Coat, a Cloth Jacket, and a Cotton ditto, brown Cloth Breeches, one white Shirt and one Osnabrig ditto, Country made Shoes and Stockings, and a Felt Hat about half worn; but it is likely he may change his Dress, as it is conjectured that he has some Money with him. It is supposed that he is gone up towards Fort-Fredrick, as he passed through Frederick-Town, and afterwards was seen going up the Road which leads to the Fort. He has with him an old Indenture with a Discharge on the Back of it, Signed by Christopher Lowmder, in the Year 1752, and has passed by the Name of the Person mentioned in the same Indenture, (tho' what Name it is we can't find out) by which Means he has deceived many who have questioned him.

Whoever will secure the said Servant, so that the Subscribers may get him again, shall have the above Reward of FIVE POUNDS, and if brought Home, reasonable Charges, paid by THOMAS, SAMUEL, and JOHN SNOWDEN.

March 31, 1766.  
STOLEN or STRAYED from Patuxent Iron-Works, on Wednesday the 5th Instant; a likely Bay Horse, about 14½ Hands high, branded on the near Shoulder GS tho' scarcely perceivable, and on the near Buttock IH. He is about 6 Years old, a large Star in his Forehead, a little White on the Inside of his Hind-Foot, a natural Pacer, shod before, and short switch Tail. He was bred by one George Swagler, near Conococheague.

Also a Black Mare, scarcely 14 Hands high, she is Likely and Lively, has a short switch Tail and hanging Main, is shod before, and Paces, Trots and Gallops, uncertain if branded or not, and is supposed to have followed the Horse.

Whoever takes up the said Horse and Mare, and delivers them to the Subscribers at Upper-Marlborough, or West-River, shall receive FIFTEEN SHILLINGS for each; but if they are stolen and the Thief can be convicted, a further Reward will be given of FIVE POUNDS.

JOHN HEPBURN, junr.  
JOHN THOMAS.

STRAYED or STOLEN on the 24th of March past, from the Subscriber, in Prince-George's County, a Sorrel Horse, branded on the near Buttock 51 with a blaze Face, Trunchy made, 13 Hands and an Inch high, Paces, Trots, and Gallops, his Hair much rubb'd off in several Places, occasioned by Plowing and Carting.

Whoever takes up the said Horse, and delivers him to the Subscriber, shall have Fifteen Shillings Reward, paid by

MARGARET SMITH.

THERE is at the Plantation of Enoch Jenkins, near the Eastern Branch Ferry, in Prince-George's County, taken up as a Stray, a little Dark Bay Mare about 12 Hands high, and about 5 Years old, branded blindly on the near Shoulder, a Star in her Forehead, trots, and gallops. The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Annapolis,